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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
CHIEKO MIHARA ET AL.)	Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned)	Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
International Appln. No.: PCT/JP03/13534)	
International Filing Date: October 23, 2003)	
For: CHARGE CONTROLLING)	
AGENT CONTAINING NOVEL)	
POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE)	
CONTAINING UNIT)	
CONTAINING CARBOXYL)	
GROUP ON SIDE CHAIN IN)	
MOLECULE, TONER BINDER)	
AND TONER, AND IMAGE)	
FORMATION METHOD AND)	
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS)	
USING TONER)	April 19, 2005

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign documents are also enclosed as well as an International Search Report listing them..

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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